

REMARKS

The Robertson's claim (US 6,269,369 B1) is substantially different from my invention because Robertson's system relies on a central storage (referred to by Robertson as 'database' or 'server') where users send information and from where they retrieve information about others.

My invention describes devices that communicate directly with each other, without the use of any central server or database.

The Halstead's claim (US 6,363,392) is substantially different from my invention because Halstead methods describe functions applied on a 'database'. My invention does not use a database or server.

My invention is substantially different from both Robertson's and Halstead's claims and, furthermore, my invention is more different from either Robertson's and Halstead's, than the Robertson's method is different from the Halstead's method.

The Sudai's claim (US 5,950,200) is substantially different from my invention because Sudai's methods determine whether people have mutual attraction for each other. My invention is concerned with keeping people's addresses or phone numbers up to date.

The Paglin's claim (US 6,393,421) is substantially different from my invention because Paglin's method relies on exchange of two codes and relies on manager utility to update two databases.

My invention provides for exchange of contact information among user devices without the need for two codes or manager utility.

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